

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

FEBRUARY 2020

LONDON TOWNE HOUSES COOPERATIVE, INC.

## WHAT WILL SPRING BRING?

Through most of 2019 we've endured Peoples Gas Infrastructure Upgrade, and the construction of the Gately Park Indoor Track Facility. The infrastructure project was originally scheduled for completion in November 2019, however restoration will be completed in spring of 2020. Numerous member concerns will be addressed when the Board meets with the

representatives this month.

Most member interest is in the Gately Park track is..”When will it open?, How will it affect LTH parking? And how do I apply for a job? Expect a spring opening. Hiring will be through the Chicago Park District.

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Further details will follow.

## WHAT IS JUNETEETH?

Juneteeth is a celebration among African Americans that commemorates the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, former Confederate States of America and Native American lands. Today we celebrate Juneteeth as the date ALL of our enslaved ancestors were freed from bondage paving the way for where we are today. As part of that celebration, London Towne Houses is in a unique position to help grow Juneteeth and make it a better recognized event in our history. We want to plan an event that embraces our heritage, culture and history while teaching our community the importance of knowing who we are. We are asking member owners who are interested in being a part of the planning process to step forward and contribute. All inquiries can be submitted via email to [henrybeals@gmail.com](mailto:henrybeals@gmail.com). Further details will follow.

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## A BIT OF THIS AND THAT

**Snow Season:** This is the season that test Cooperative living. If upon entering or exiting your unit you find yourself slipping and sliding due to ice, please use extreme caution. Take a moment to spread salt in consideration of the neighbors that will follow you. Salt is available at the Management office during office hours. The same idea goes for snow. Shovel your walk and the walkway of your elderly neighbor. Take some time to be kind.

**Cooperative Finance Workshop**— At the November 21, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors the 2020 budget was adopted that required a \$60 increase in carrying charges and a \$30 increase in late fees effective January 1, 2020. Rising cost in operative expenses, vacancies, and aging infrastructure impact the sustainability of the Cooperative without sufficient funds. Ongoing efforts to secure grants or develop innovative programs to provide additional income have not yet provided those resources for 2020. In an effort to provide members with a better understanding of the finances of the Cooperative the Board and Management prepared an interactive Finance Workshop on January 4, 2020. The workshop was well attended but did not achieve the outcome anticipated by the plan. Members used the opportunity to communicate their concerns and frustrations. The January 9th Board of Directors meeting provided additional member feedback during the Member concerns segment on the agenda. The Board took note of questions, suggestions, and offers of assistance and will meet to review some of the pertinent issues from both meetings.

**Senior Exemption**—The Senior Freeze and Senior exemption is a tax credit rebate available to members born in or before the year 1954 through the Cook County Assessor's office. If you have received the rebate in the past a confirmation post card has been mailed to you and you need not do anything at this time. If you are now eligible, you may pick up the applications in the Management office with detailed information regarding eligibility.

**In Passage**—William Davis, an original Member Owner, known to friends and neighbors as "Big Red" made his sudden transition on December 21, 2019. "Red was my boy" states neighbor Shelia Mobley as he always made me and the rest of the neighbors laugh. He had retired and was someone that really watched out for us. He will be missed.

**It's a Girl!!**— Congratulations to Charise Campbell on the birth of a baby girl on December 31, 2020!

## EVENTS

- March 12, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Community Building #1, 2nd Floor
- March 17, 2020 Primary Election Day, Ida Fisher Community Building 6:00 am-7:00 pm
- March 26, 2020 53rd Annual Meeting of the Membership 7:00 pm-Wendell Smith School
- Every Tuesday Free gentle yoga classes are offered in Ida Fisher Community Building every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm in the basement. Bring a mat

LTH Newsletter is a fact sheet approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to member owners every other month. You may also view on our website [www.lthcoop.com](http://www.lthcoop.com)